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SUBJECT: NATO SPOKESMAN STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 24
NATO-SALT CONSULTATIONS

REF: USNATO A-170 OF NOVEMBER 26, 1973

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY AGREED FORMULA (REF) MISSION
HEREWITH FORWARDS FOR DEPARTMENT AND USDEL APPROVAL DRAFT TEXT
OF PRESS STATEMENT WHICH WOULD BE ISSUED BY NATO SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING
FEBRUARY 24 CONSULTATIONS. STATEMENT WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE
SUBMITTED TO NAC AT CLOSE OF SALT CONSULTATION FOR APPROVAL
PRIOR TO ISSUANCE BY SPOKESMAN. TEXT IS IDENTICAL TO THAT USED AFTER
LAST PREVIOUS CONSULTATION OCTOBER 17, 1974, WITH APPROPRIATE
UPDATES OF NAMES, DATES, ETCM

2. BEGIN TEXT: A REGULAR CONSULTATION ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS
LIMITATION TALKS, WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE
CONDUCTING IN GENEVA, WAS HELD TODAY BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
IN BRUSSELS. AMBASSADOR U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, HEAD OF THE U.S.
SALT DELEGATION, PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONSULTATION, WHICH WAS THE
24TH MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE HEAD OF THE U.S.
SALT DELEGATION OR HIS DEPUTY SINCE THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN
IN NOVEMBER 1969. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING
AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WERE (USDEL REQUESTED SUPPLY NAMES AS
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APPROPRIATE).

AMBASSADOR JOHNSON BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
SALT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE HIS LAST MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL ON

OCTOBER 17, 1974. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND AMBASSADOR JOHNSON THEN HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS REGARDING THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE EXPRESSED THEIR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, THEIR APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S PRESENTATION, AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONTINUED. THE U. S. DELEGATION TO NATO WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE COUNCIL INFORMED ON ANY DEVELOPMENT OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT MAY ARISE BETWEEN REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. SALT DELEGATION. END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUIRED: DEPARTMENT AND USDEL APPROVAL OF DRAFT TEXT BY COB FEBRUARY 21.
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